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Application Number	09/690,350
Filing Date	October 17, 2000
First Named Inventor	Allan Anthony Hren
Art Unit	2626
Examiner Name	Mark E. Wallerson
Attorney Docket Number	BLD920000055US1

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Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1011	300	2011	150	Utility filing fee	
1111	500	2111	250	Utility search fee	
1311	200	2311	100	Utility examination fee	
1084	250	2004	125	Utility size fee for each additional 50 over 100	
1005	200	2005	100	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1)**2. CLAIMS**

Total Claims	Extra	Fee from below	Fee Paid
0	20 =	0 x 50 =	
Ind. Claims	0	3 =	0 x 200 =
Multiple Dep. Claims	0	380 =	0

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
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1202	50	2202	25	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	200	2201	100	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	380	2203	180	Multiple dependent claim	
1204	200	2204	100	Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	50	2205	25	Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

SUBTOTAL (2)

0

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**


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1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2520	1812	2520	For filing a request for reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1840*	1805	1840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	120	2251	60	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	450	2252	225	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	1020	2253	510	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1530	2254	765	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2160	2255	1080	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	500	2401	250	Notice of Appeal	
1402	500	2402	250	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	1000	2403	500	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1510	1451	1510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive -unavoidably	
1453	1370	2453	685	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	14000	2501	700	Utility issue fee	
1502	800	2502	400	Design issue fee	
1503	1100	2503	550	Plant issue fee	
1480	130	1480	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1801	790	2801	395	Request for continued examination (RCE) (37 CFR 1.114)	790
1809	790	2809	395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	790	2810	395	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	

Other fee (specify) _____

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\$ 790

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